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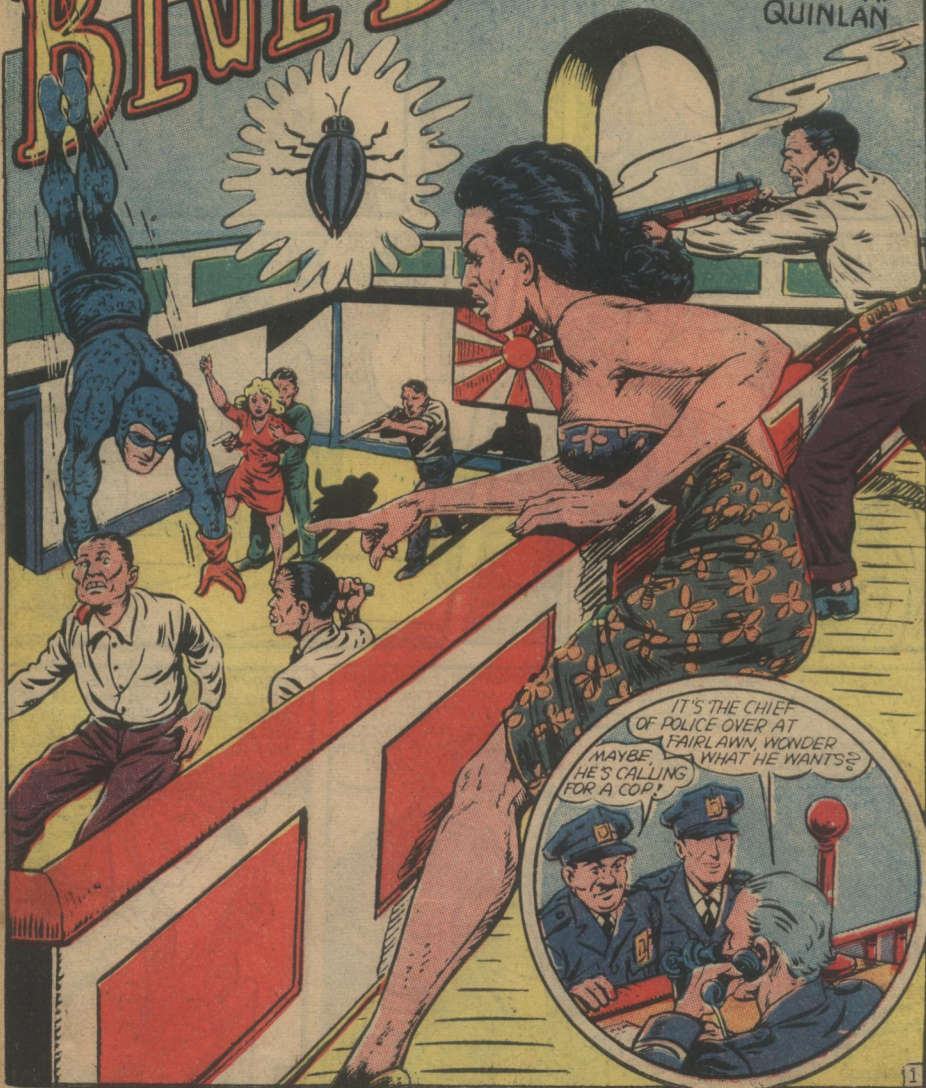
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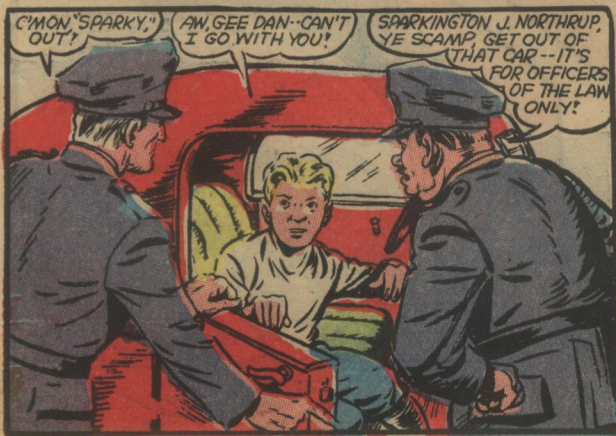
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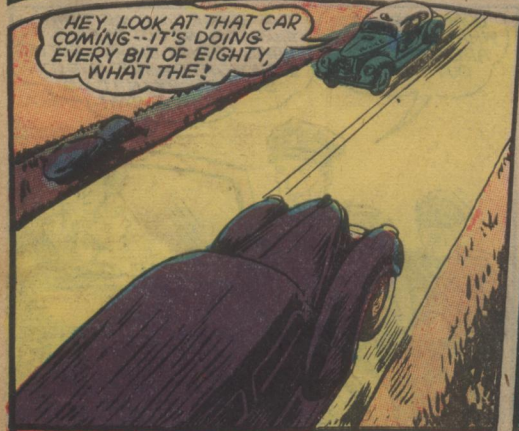
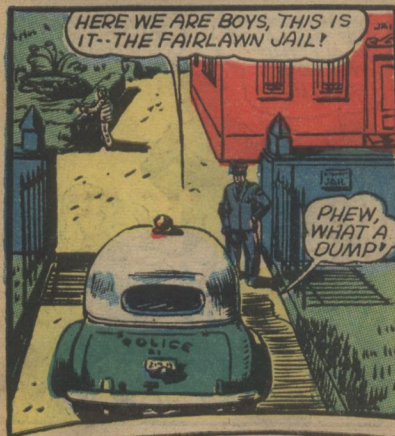
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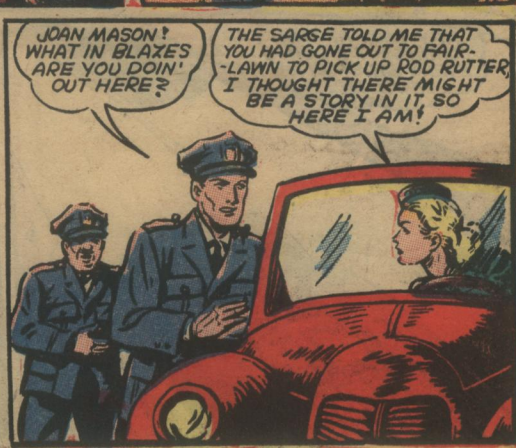
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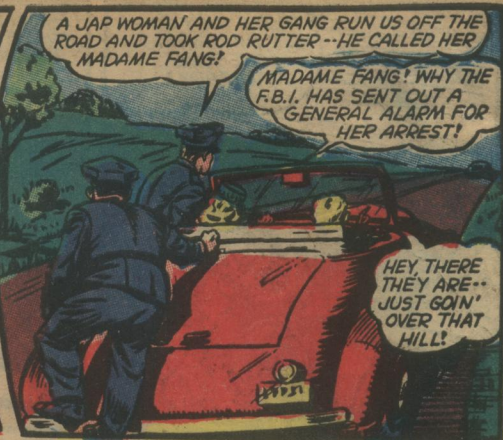
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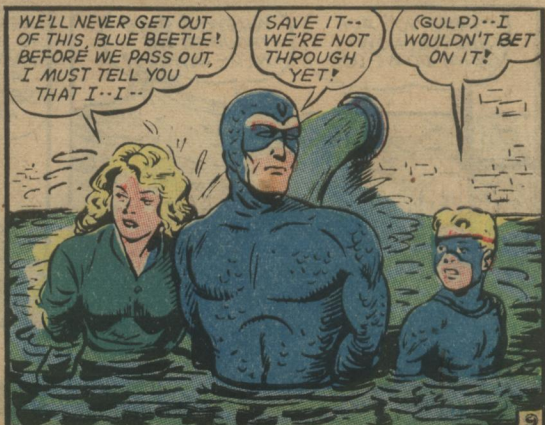
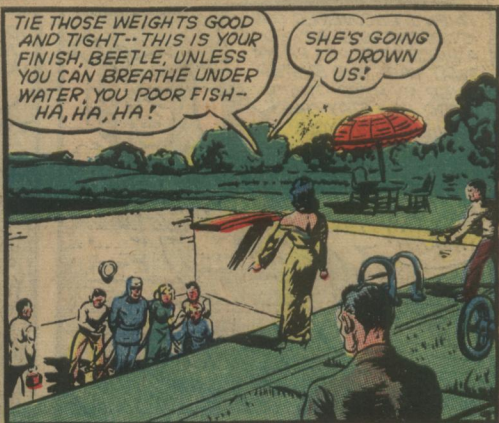


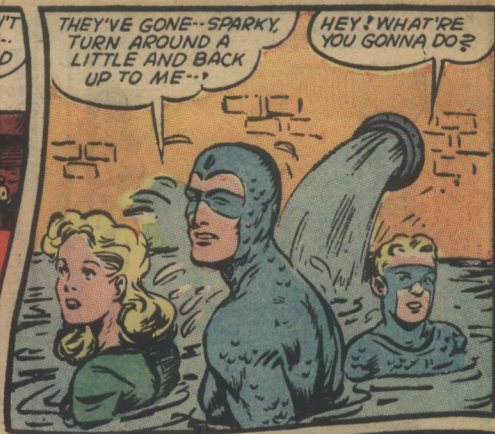
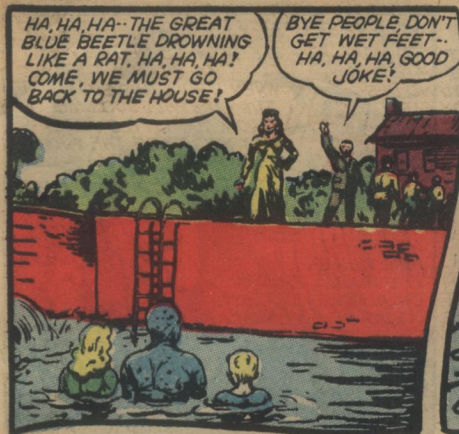


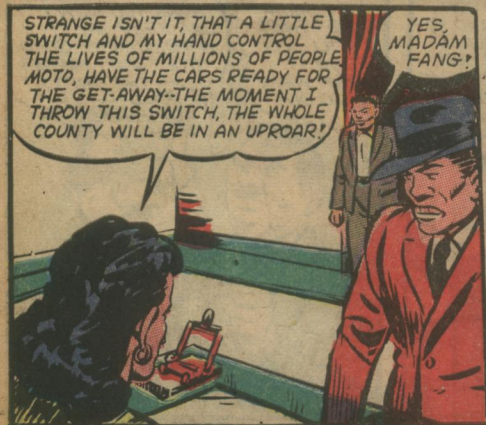




TEN MINUTES LATER!









MADAM FANG 'TIS POLICE-
MAN--ONE OF WHOM WAS
IN CAR FROM WHICH WE
TOOK ROD RUTTER!

WAIT, I WILL
SEE WHAT HE
WANTS MYSELF,
THE REST OF
YOU GET OUT
THE BACK
WAY. HURRY!



OH, EXCUSE ME,
MUM, COULD YOU
BE AFTER GIVIN'
ME A BIT OF
WATER IT'S DYIN'
OF THIRST, I AM!



INDEED, YOU POOR
MAN, COME IN--
COME IN--MOTO,
QUICKLY, A GLASS
OF WATER FOR THE
OFFICER, WON'T YOU
SIT DOWN!



AHHH-- OH, THANK YOU
MAM-- BE JABBERS,
OI'M SO TIRED, I
COULD SIT HERE
FOREVER!

YOU DON'T
SAY, WELL
I'M GLAD
OF THAT!



YOU SEE, I HAVE
A VERY IMPORTANT
APPOINTMENT, AND
I MUST LEAVE AT
ONCE, SO WOULD
YOU DO ME A
FAVOR?



CERTAINLY, MUM,
I'M SO GRATEFUL
FOR THAT GLASS
OF WATER THAT
I'D DO MOST ANY-
THING FOR YOU!

WELL THIS SWITCH CON-
TROLS THE LIGHTS AND SO
FORTH AROUND THE PLACE.
YOU CAN REST HERE FOR
TWENTY MINUTES, BUT WHEN
YOU GO, DON'T FORGET TO
PUSH IT DOWN!



SURE, MUM,
SURE--THAT
I WILL--I'LL
PUSH IT
DOWN WHEN
I GO OUT!

THANK YOU, NOW I
CAN KEEP MY
APPOINTMENT--GOOD-
BYE--DON'T FORGET
THE SWITCH!



DON'T WORRY,
MUM, I WON'T
FORGET--

GOOD
NIGHT!



AH, A FINE GENEROUS
WOMAN IF EVER I
SAW ONE--KINDA
CHINEE-LOOKIN',
BUT A FINE
WOMAN--AH, I
FEEL BETTER
ALREADY!



MADAM FANG, YOU
DID NOT PUSH THE
SWITCH THAT WILL
BLOW UP THE
DAM-- WHY?

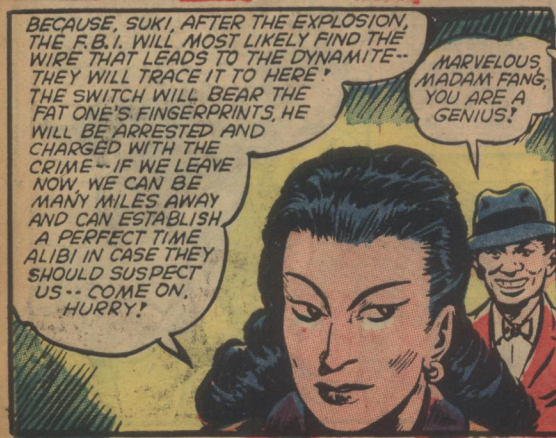


QUIET FOOL, I HAVE
A BETTER PLAN!



I TOLD THE STUPID POLICEMAN THAT IT
CONTROLS THE LIGHTS ABOUT THE PROPERTY
AND TO PUSH IT DOWN WHEN HE LEAVES!

BUT! BUT!
WHY
MADAM
FANG?



BECAUSE, SUKI, AFTER THE EXPLOSION,
THE F.B.I. WILL MOST LIKELY FIND THE
WIRE THAT LEADS TO THE DYNAMITE--
THEY WILL TRACE IT TO HERE!
THE SWITCH WILL BEAR THE
FAT ONE'S FINGERPRINTS, HE
WILL BE ARRESTED AND
CHARGED WITH THE
CRIME-- IF WE LEAVE
NOW, WE CAN BE
MANY MILES AWAY
AND CAN ESTABLISH
A PERFECT TIME
ALIBI IN CASE THEY
SHOULD SUSPECT
US-- COME ON,
HURRY!

MARVELOUS,
MADAM FANG,
YOU ARE A
GENIUS!



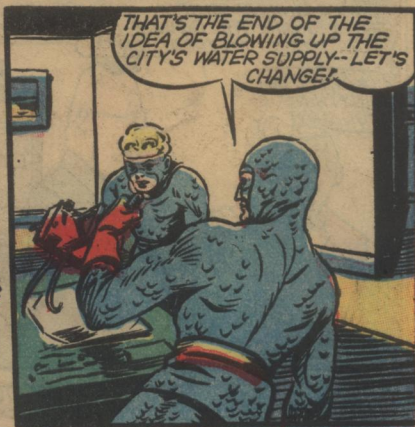
YES, AND
LIKEWISE
A VICIOUS
SPY AND A
MURDERESS!

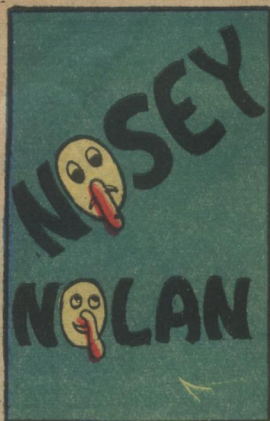
WHAT
THE--THE
BLUE
BEETLE!



BUT THIS TIME, THE BLUE BEETLE AND SPARKY ARE REALLY GOING TO TOWN!!







NOSEY NOLAN WAS TEASED SO MUCH ABOUT HIS BIG NOSE THAT HE DECIDED TO GO TO THE BIG CITY FOR A PLASTIC OPERATION!

BOY, IF I ONLY HAD A SMALLER NOSE, I COULD BE A MOVIE STAR LIKE ROBERT TAYLOR!



DOCTOR SCAPEL IS THE GREAT-EST DOCTOR IN THE COUNTRY-- HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HELP ME!



SO, YOU WANT A SMALLER NOSE, EH? WELL, I'VE BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH A SKIN SHRINKING SOLUTION--IF YOU'RE WILLING TO TAKE THE CHANCE, I'LL GIVE YOU A TREATMENT!

OKAY, I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY!



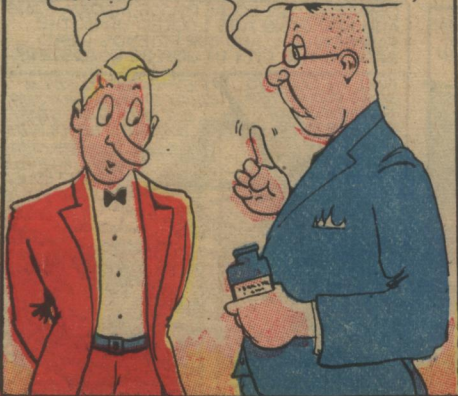
SEE, IT'S VERY SIMPLE! I APPLY MY SHRINKO FORMULA WITH A COMMON ORDINARY PAINT BRUSH!

HEE, HEE, IT TICKLES!



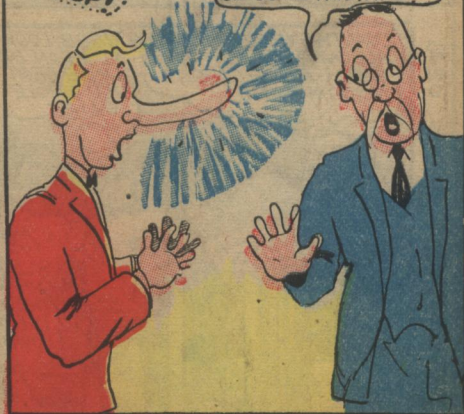
G-GOSH! DO YA THINK IT'LL WORK?

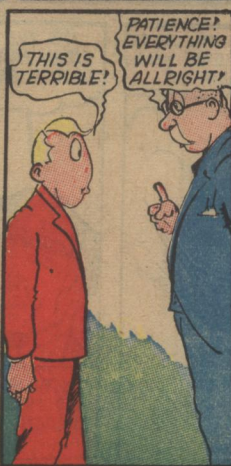
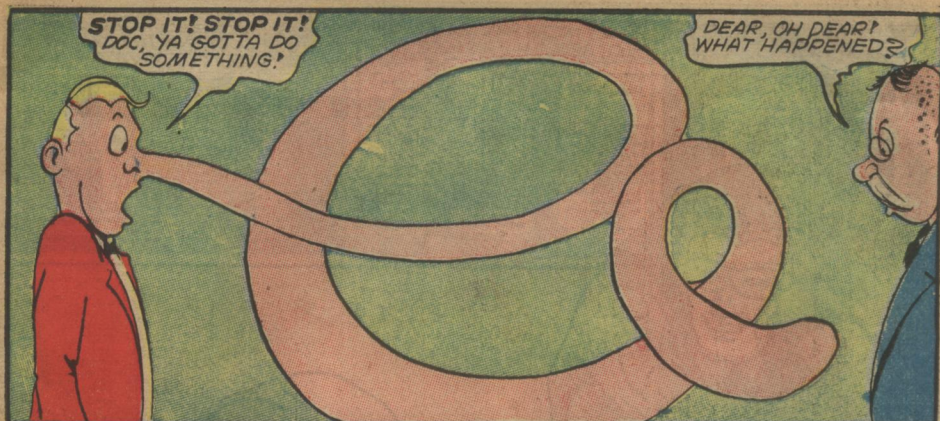
WORK? WHY IN FIVE MINUTES YOU'LL LOOK LIKE AN ADONIS!



UHP!

WHAT TH--? THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE!





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are 'Screen Tested,'
Army, Navy, Air Force

and spoke for himself
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Hawaii, Alaska,
in Ontario and other
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THE MID-AFTERNOON STILLNESS
IS BROKEN BY THE BEEBEE WHAIL
OF A SCREAMING SIREN...

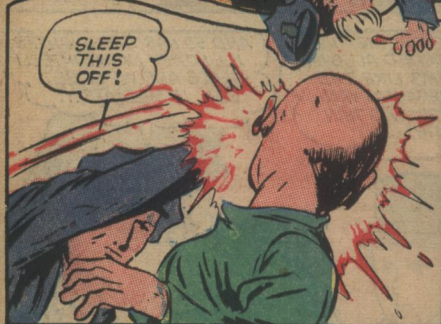
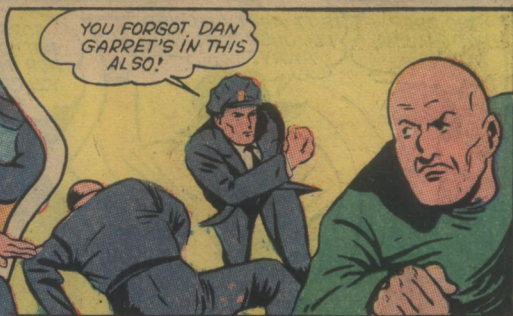


IT'S THE PRISON
SIREN MIKE... SOUNDS
LIKE A BREAK!

LET'S GO DAN
THAT MEANS WORK
FOR US!



ON THEIR BEAT, PATROLMAN DAN GARRET
AND MIKE MANNIGAN ARE QUICK TO
RECOGNIZE THE WARNING SIGNAL!



ENGLAND, AT A PORT OF EMBARKATION, ANOTHER DRAMA IS IN THE MAKING-- ONE THAT WILL CLOSELY KNIT THE LIVES OF THE BLUE BEETLE AND AN ENGLISH LAD!

I'M SURE MY SON, SPARKINGTON, WILL BE MOST COMFORTABLE ABOARD YOUR SHIP, CAPTAIN!

THANK YOU, LORD NORTHUP, WE'LL DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO SEE HIM SAFELY TO AMERICA!



STOP! PICTURES ARE PROHIBITED-- HERE, --

A PICTURE OF THE LAD WON'T HURT ANYONE!



HAND OVER THAT CAMERA, YOU!

IF IT AIN'T ALLOWED, I'LL JUST TOSS IT AWAY!

SORRY, SPARKINGTON BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO HELP! HOP OVER AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THAT CAMERA!

HIS HEAD'S TURNED! THAT GIVES ME A CHANCE TO BEAT IT!



HALT-- HALT? CONFOUND IT-- THE DEVIL'S LIKE GREASED LIGHTNING!

I'M SORRY SIR-- I'VE SEARCHED ALL OVER, SEEMS LIKE THE CAMERA HAS VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!

AND SO HAS THE BLIGHTER, I'LL NOTIFY NAVAL INTELLIGENCE AND WE'LL SET SAIL IMMEDIATELY!



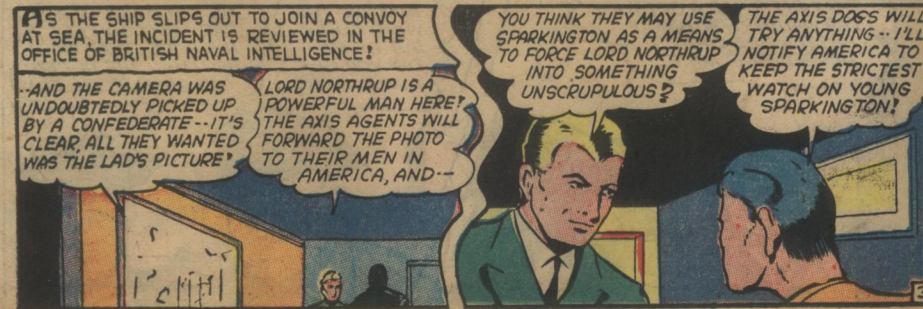
AS THE SHIP SLIPS OUT TO JOIN A CONVOY AT SEA, THE INCIDENT IS REVIEWED IN THE OFFICE OF BRITISH NAVAL INTELLIGENCE!

AND THE CAMERA WAS UNDOUBTEDLY PICKED UP BY A CONFEDERATE-- IT'S CLEAR, ALL THEY WANTED WAS THE LAD'S PICTURE!

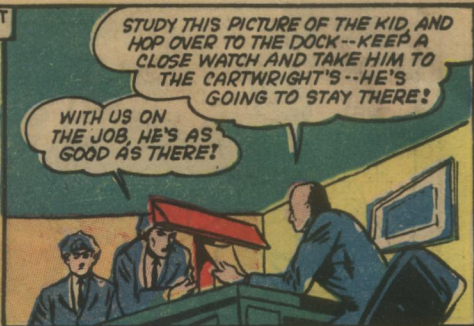
LORD NORTHUP IS A POWERFUL MAN HERE! THE AXIS AGENTS WILL FORWARD THE PHOTO TO THEIR MEN IN AMERICA, AND--

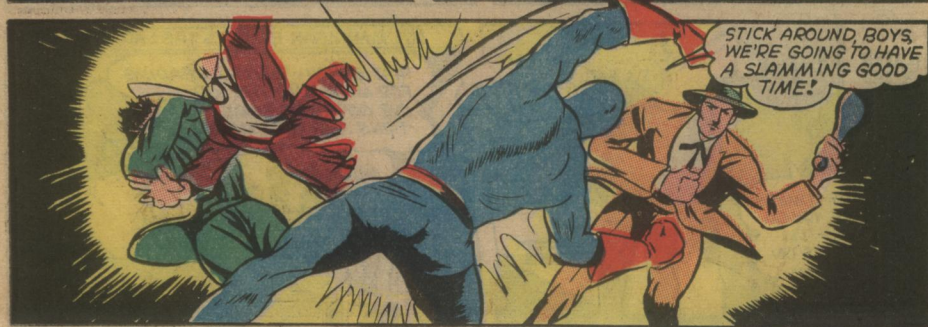
YOU THINK THEY MAY USE SPARKINGTON AS A MEANS TO FORCE LORD NORTHUP INTO SOMETHING UNSCRUPULOUS?

THE AXIS DOGS WILL TRY ANYTHING-- I'LL NOTIFY AMERICA TO KEEP THE STRICTEST WATCH ON YOUNG SPARKINGTON!



SIX DAYS LATER IN AMERICA-- PATROLMEN DAN GARRET AND MIKE MANNIGAN ARE ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL DUTY--?





THE FOLLOWING DAY, SPARKINGTON'S APPEARANCE IS THE OBJECT OF MUCH DISCUSSION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

HEY, FELLAS, GET A LOAD OF THE SUIT ON THAT ENGLISH KID!

LOOKS TOO CLEAN, DON'T HE? C'MON! LET'S HAVE SOME FUN WITH HIM!

SCRAM, YOU MUGS, I'M THE TOUGHEST GUY HERE, SO I'LL HAVE THE FUN! WATCH ME!

HEY, FANCY PANTS, I DON'T LIKE YOU OR ANYTHING ABOUT YOU!

SORRY OLD BOY, BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT!

WELL I CAN-- HAVE A SEAT, MUG!

I DARE SAY YOU'RE QUITE AN UNRULY BOUNDER, BUT I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE YOU!

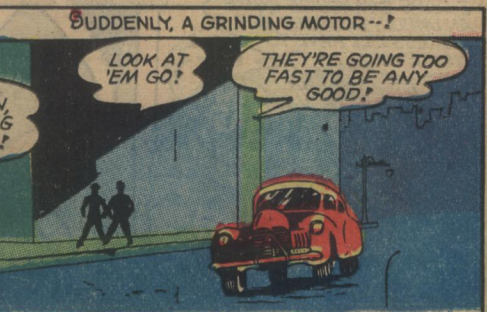
YOU LEAVE ME NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO HAND YOU A SOUND THRASHING!

CLOSE BY, DAN AND MIKE ARE WATCHING---

SPARKINGTON'S HEADING FOR TROUBLE--WE'D BETTER STOP THEM!

HOLD ON, MIKE--WON'T HURT TO HAVE THE KID LEARN HOW TO PROTECT HIMSELF!

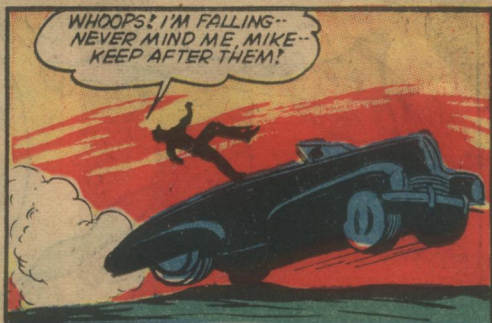
THIS IS WHAT I MEAN!





THERE THEY ARE--
WATCH ME OVER-
TAKE THEM IN
NO TIME!

THIS WHOLE THING
MIGHT BE A RUSE
TO GET US AWAY
FROM SPARKINGTON!



WHOOOPS! I'M FALLING--
NEVER MIND ME, MIKE--
KEEP AFTER THEM!



HAD TO FAKE THAT
FALL--THE BLUE
BEETLE MUST
KEEP AN EYE ON
SPARKINGTON!



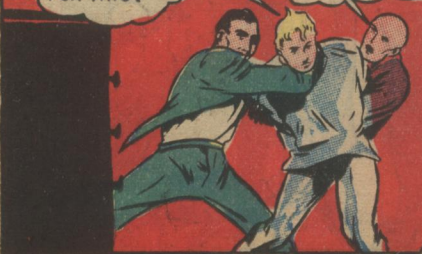
ONCE AGAIN, PATROLMAN GARRET CHARGES FORTH AS
THE MIGHTY CRIME FIGHTER!



GOSH, I HOPE MIKE
AND DAN AREN'T
IN TROUBLE!

LET ME GO, I SAY!
YOU'LL ANSWER TO
THE BLUE BEETLE
FOR THIS!

BLUE BEETLE,
BAH! WHOSE
AFRAID OF HIM?



SUDDENLY!

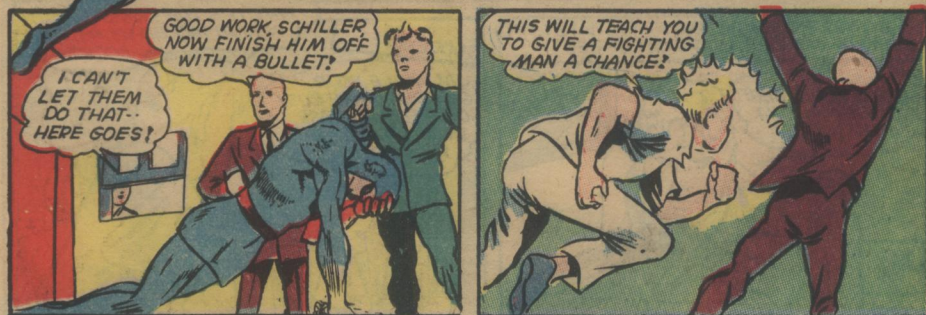
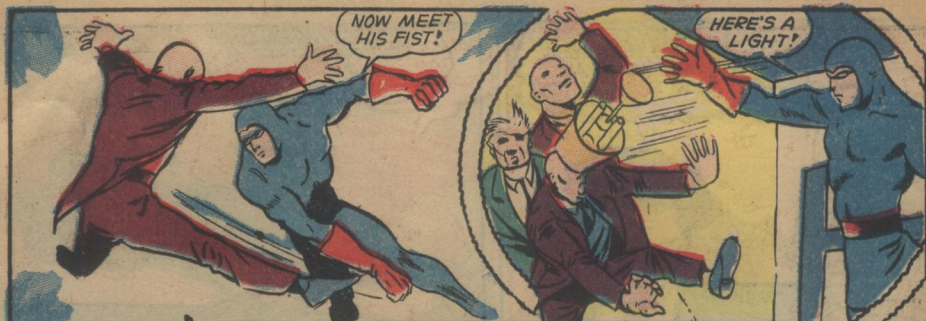
JA! WHILE YOUR
GUARDIANS ARE BUSY
ON A FOOL'S CHASE
WE VILL TAKE YOU
WITH US!

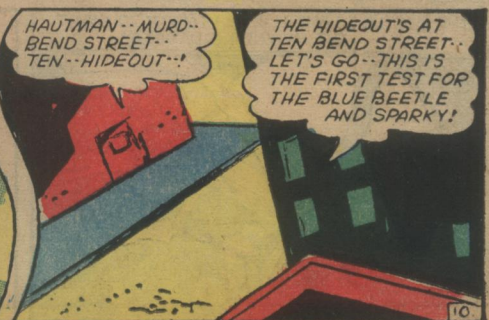
WHY, IT'S THE SAME BLIGHTER
WHO ATTACKED US AT THE
DOCK!



A LOT OF GUYS, AND
ONE IN PARTICULAR
CALLED HAUTMAN!

HIMMEL,
IT'S HIM!





BUT AT THIS POINT, MIKE MANNIGAN RETURNS--HIS QUICK MIND MAKES ANOTHER DEDUCTION...?

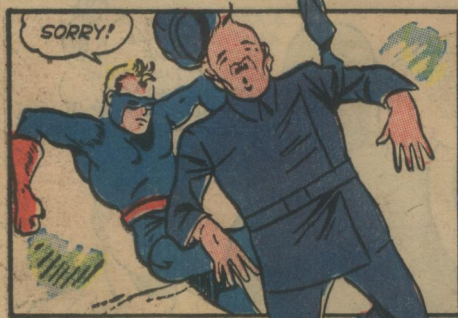


PUT 'EM UP AND KEEP 'EM UP!

CONFOUND IT! MANNIGAN WOULD MAKE A PEST OF HIMSELF!



SORRY!

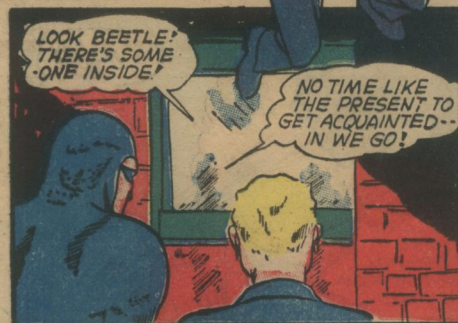


GLORY BE! TWO BEETLE'S! AS IF ONE ISN'T ENOUGH!



LOOK BEETLE! THERE'S SOME ONE INSIDE!

NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT TO GET ACQUAINTED--IN WE GO!



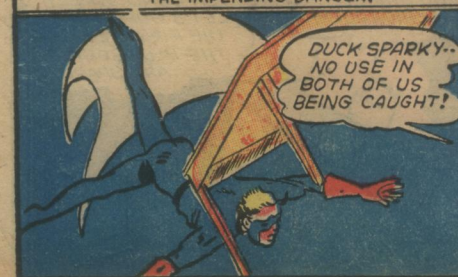
DUMMIES! WE'VE BEEN TRICKED!

A CLEVER GAG!



THE BEETLE'S TRAINED EYE IS QUICK TO SIGHT THE IMPENDING DANGER!

DUCK SPARKY--NO USE IN BOTH OF US BEING CAUGHT!



AHH--AT LAST WE HAVE THE BEETLE, BUT I'M SURE I SAW TWO OF THEM!

BAH, THAT WAS ONLY HIS SHADOW DESERTING HIM!



FROM HIS HIDING PLACE, SPARKY SEES HIS PARTNER IN THE HANDS OF THE KILLERS!



THESE ROPES WILL HOLD HIM UNTIL WE EXECUTE HIM!

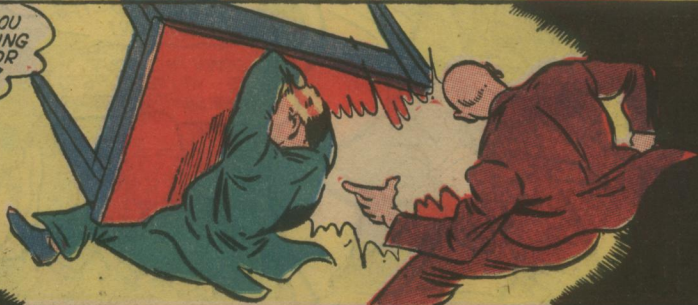
THE BLUE BEETLE GOT HIMSELF TRAPPED TO SAVE ME--I'LL SHOW THOSE BLIGHTERS!

HERE'S THE SHADOW YOU SAW BEFORE!

HIMMEL! THERE IS TWO OF THEM! GRAB HIM, QUICK!



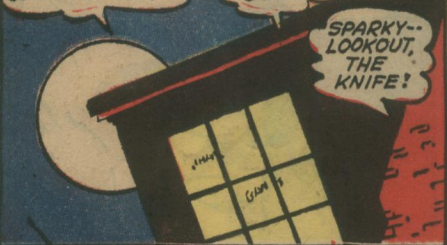
JUST TO SHOW YOU I WASN'T HOLDING THIS THING FOR AN ORNAMENT!



BLAST ME IF THAT ISN'T JOLLY GOOD PUNCHING!

BUT NOT AS EFFECTIVE AS A WELL AIMED BLADE!

SPARKY--LOOKOUT, THE KNIFE!



WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHT, SPARKY SHIFTS TO ONE SIDE--THE DEADLY BLADE WHIZZES BY AND TEARS INTO THE BLUE BEETLE'S BONDS!



WHAT A BREAK, IT CUT THE CORDS!

As the room resounds with the thud of falling bodies, Hautman slips out, little knowing the object of his search is in that very room!

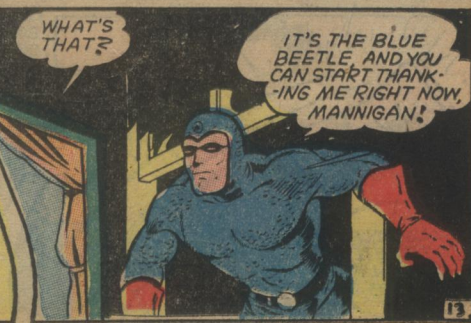


ACH, WE'RE LOST, THE TWO OF THEM ARE ON THE LOOSE!

GANGWAY FOR THE BEETLE CLEAN-UP SQUAD!



I'LL SLIP OUT AND CAPTURE THAT ENGLISH KID!







As MIKE REACHES THE OUTER DOOR--!



THE

FOUR SPIES

A three-quarter moon rode the sky as the turbulent waters of the Atlantic tumbled upon the shore in great undulating waves. Out of the night a large rowboat containing five men moved toward the beach. Four of the men were dressed in civilian clothes and the other wore a blue, crew-neck sweater and seaman's cap. Piled high in the rear of the boat was an assortment of boxes.

As the boat pulled into shore, the four civilians picked up the boxes and leaped onto the beach. Then the seaman put out to sea, alone. On the other side of the dunes that stretched along the beach, the men buried the boxes in the sand and, this done, walked silently into the night.

But they had not gone unseen, for a familiar figure, dressed in blue, rose from the dunes and started after the departing figures.

"Spies!" murmured the Blue Beetle.

Two hours later the four men mounted the steps of a dilapidated house in a lonely section of the city. One of them, a burly fellow, knocked three times and a moment later the door opened. Immediately after they entered the house, the Blue Beetle sprang from the shadows and darted across the street. Then he leaped onto the fire-escape on the side of the building and climbed to an upper floor where a dim light shone through a crack in the window shade.

In the meantime the four men had entered an apartment and were welcomed enthusiastically by a tall, bald-headed man with a florid face and bulbous nose. He grinned broadly as he directed his guests to make themselves comfortable.

"Good evening, gentlemen," he began. "I am happy to see that you have completed your journey successfully. Did you bring the plan of operations from Germany?"

"Yes, Herr Moltke," replied one of the men. "I have a list of instructions in my pocket."

"I am glad to know that you speak perfect English," smiled Moltke. The F.B.I. has been very busy lately and naturally they are very suspicious of all foreign accents. Let me have the list."

The spies grouped around a table in the center of the room and pored over every detail of their plans. From time to time Moltke would turn away and point to a large map hanging on the wall behind him. Finally, Moltke folded the papers and placed them in the drawer of the table.

"Excellent," he beamed. "It appears to be a fool-proof plan. You men had better rest tonight and we will start operations tomorrow. Remember the instructions; Bermann and Heinig will blow up the Broton Dam; Wolf and Nerlinger will destroy the railroad junction at Harpersburg."

"Ho-ho!" laughed Heinig. "That will be a wonderful start. After that we will blaze a trail of terror and destruction across the entire United States. Heil Hitler!"

"Heil America!" The Blue Beetle's voice boomed through the room as he leaped through the window.

"Ach! Vass is!" The Nazis reverted to their native tongue as they shrunk back in terror at the sudden appearance of America's ace crime-fighter.

"Hiya, Moltke!" grinned the Blue Beetle as he bounded across the room, his keen eyes taking in every detail of his opponents' movements. "I've been checking on you for months, and now—I've got you and the nucleus of your vicious spy ring!"

"Not yet you haven't!" snarled Moltke as he

reached for his gun.

But the Blue Beetle was an old hand at gun-play and, before the burly German could draw, the fearless spy-smasher laid him low with a shattering uppercut.

Instantly the others were upon him and he went down under the impact of the attack. As he struggled valiantly against three of the spies, Nerlinger picked up a table lamp and sent it crashing down on the Blue Beetle's head.

By this time, Moltke had recovered consciousness and now he rose from the floor snarling with rage.

"The swine!" he exploded. "If he had succeeded in obtaining those papers, every one of us would have been shot and der Fuehrer's plan of world conquest would have been seriously hampered!"

"We will have to get rid of him!" said Heinig grimly.

"Leave that to me," hissed Moltke as he reached into a closet and withdrew a coil of rope. Then the spy leader crouched beside the Blue Beetle and bound his arms and legs.

"Pick him up and follow me," he commanded as he started out the door.

The town clock struck midnight as officer Mike Mannigan patrolled his beat along the waterfront.

"Bejabbers," he lamented, "I haven't had a bit of excitement in two days; no robberies, no killin's—no nothin'! It's home in bed I ought to be!"

But Mannigan would have excitement before the night was over. He gasped with surprise as he saw five men walking toward the end of the dock.

"Now I don't loike the looks of this at all," he murmured. "Holy smokes! They're carrying a man—and they're goin' to throw him off the dock!"

Mike set his jaw grimly and ran toward the spot as fast as his short legs could carry him.

"Hold on, ye skunks! I've caught ye in the act—yer under arrest!"

The spies, who were about to throw the Blue Beetle into the river, turned in astonishment and dropped the crime-fighter.

"A cop!" rasped Moltke. "Let 'im have it!"

Heinig drew his automatic and fired. But his aim was poor and the bullet whistled harmlessly over the officer's head.

"Oho, so ye want to kill me, eh!" ranted Mannigan. "Well, I'll show ye!" And with that Mike grasped his night-stick and heaved with all his strength.

A howl of pain awoke the echoes of the waterfront, for the club flew straight and true. It clunked Heinig on the back of the skull and the spy fell directly on top of the Blue Beetle, jarring the latter into consciousness. He opened his eyes and, above him, he could hear the sounds of battle as Mannigan hurtled into the fray.

The Blue Beetle rolled over and as he did so he felt a piece of ragged wire cable beneath him. Rubbing his wrists against the rough cable, he soon broke his bonds and then untied his feet.

"Here I come, Mike!" he shouted as he landed a crushing wallop on Wolf's jaw.

"The Blue Beetle!" shouted Mannigan. "I'll take care of you later!" Mike brought up his fist and rocked Nerlinger's head with a solid blow.

"No—No! Don't hit me!" cried the cowardly Moltke as he backed away in fear.

"You've got this coming to you!" snapped the Blue Beetle and sent his fist crashing against Moltke's jaw. The spy leader emitted a low groan and sank to the ground.

"Well, it looks like everything is in hand," laughed the Blue Beetle. "You'll find the sabotage plans these fellows brought over with them at 44 Elm Street. Goodnight, Mike!"

With these parting words, the ace nemesis of crime darted away from the scene.

"Come back, ye blue devil," shouted Mike. "Durn it, he's gone. Bedad, I'd give a year's pay to find out who that lad is!"

W MAN



PARIS ---
THE HEAVY TREAD
OF NAZI BOOTS ECHOES
THROUGH A STREET
OF THE OCCUPIED
CAPITAL!

ON THE ROOF OF A NEAR-BY BUILDING, THREE MEN WAIT WITH HAND GRENADES--THE UNDERGROUND!

AHA--THEES WILL GIVE ME A PLEASURE!

PATIENCE, WAIT TILL I GIVE THE SIGNAL!

SUDDENLY!

THAT NIGHT, A GERMAN OFFICER RETURNS TO HIS QUARTERS, WHISTLING A MERRY TUNE!

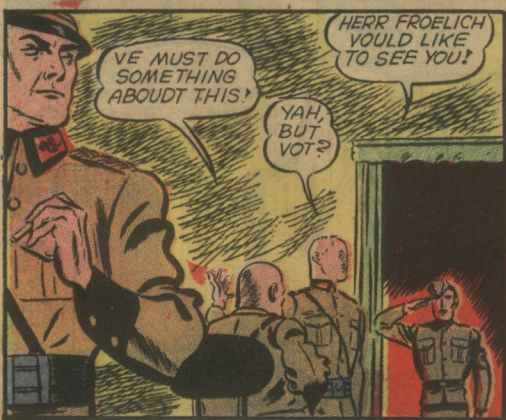


TAKE THAT, YOU NAZI DOG!



HEYDRICH IS MURDERED, A WHOLE TROOP OF SOLDIERS IS BLASTED TO BITS AND NOW MAJOR HEPPNER ISS SHOT! THIS MUST STOP!

VE VIPE OUT TOWNS, BUT BER UNDERGROUND GETS STRONGER EVERY DAY!



VE MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS!

HERR FROELICH WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU!

YAH, BUT VOT?



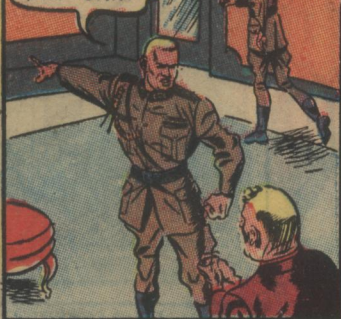
VELL, VOTS ON YOUR MIND, FROELICH?

I HAFF INFORMATION ABOUT DER UNDERGROUND KILLERS!

THREE OFF DER MEN RE-
-SPONSIBLE LIVE IN A TOWN
CALLED STE. GABRIEL--UFF
COURSE, VE COULDN'T EXPECT
TO FIND THEM THERE NOW,
BUT IF SOMETHING VERE
TO HAPPEN TO
--AH-- THEIR
FAMILIES--



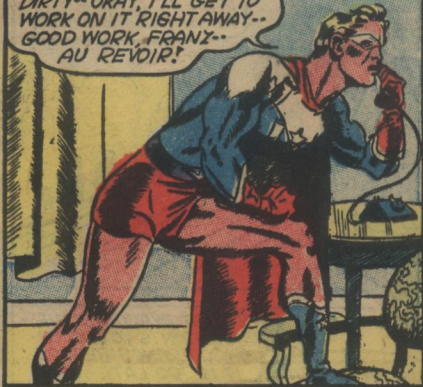
TAKE A REGIMENT
UFF SOLDIERS UND
MARCH TO STE.
GABRIEL--KILL
EVERYBODY IN
DER TOWN!



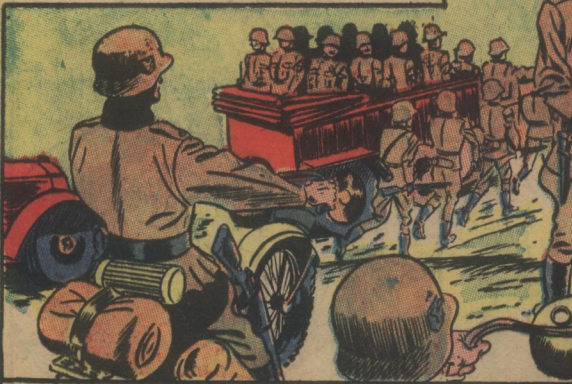
HELLO-V-MAN?--LISTEN--
I MUST TALK QUICKLY--
SOMEONE MAY
HEAR--



THEY'RE GOING TO WIPE OUT
A WHOLE TOWN? WHY THE
DIRTY--OKAY, I'LL GET TO
WORK ON IT RIGHT AWAY--
GOOD WORK, FRANZ--
AU REVOIR!



THREE HOURS LATER --- A NAZI REGIMENT
APPROACHES THE VILLAGE OF STE. GABRIEL!



SURROUND DER
VILLAGE UND TAKE
EVERYONE PRISONER!



SLOWLY, STEALTHILY THE NAZI SOLDIERS
CONVERGE ON THE VILLAGE?



VERE ISS
EVERYBODY?

ACH, DER
PLACE
LOOKS
DERSEITED!

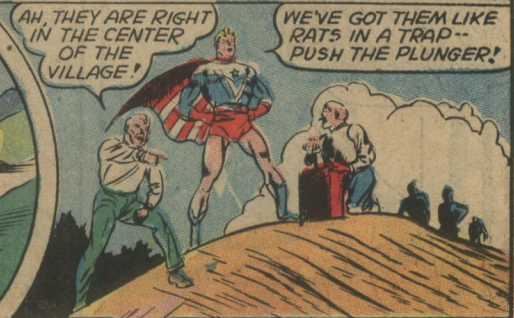


DER OCCUPANTS MUST
HAVE FLED TO DER HILLS--
FOOLS, THEY CANNOT GET
AWAY-- VE VILL FOLLOW UND
FIND THEM EVENTUALLY!

THE VILLAGE IS DESERTED, BUT ON A NEAR-BY HILL,
V-MAN AND HIS COMPANIONS PREPARE TO SET OFF A
HIDDEN CHARGE OF DYNAMITE?

AH, THEY ARE RIGHT
IN THE CENTER
OF THE
VILLAGE!

WE'VE GOT THEM LIKE
RATS IN A TRAP--
PUSH THE PLUNGER!



HA, HA, INSTEAD
OF THE QUARRY,
THE HUNTERS
HAVE BEEN
KILLED!

WE MUST EVACUATE THE
INHABITANTS TO UNOCU-
PIED FRANCE BEFORE
IT IS TOO LATE-- COME,
WE MUST HURRY!

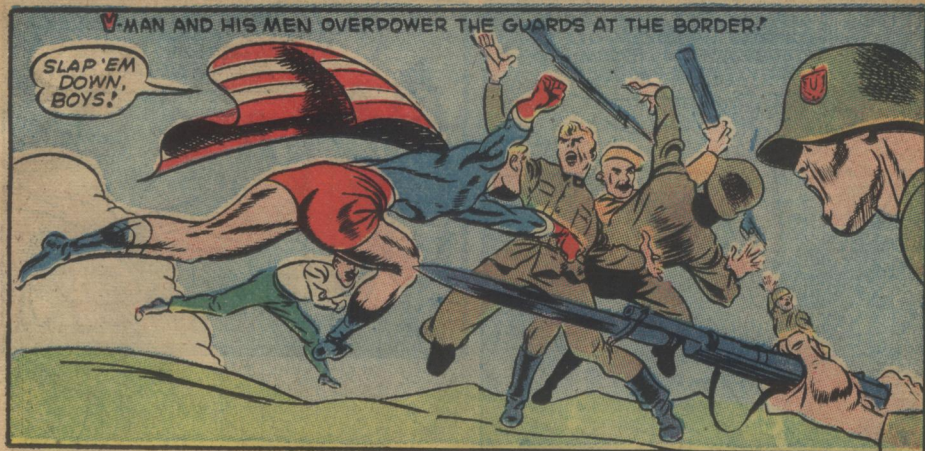




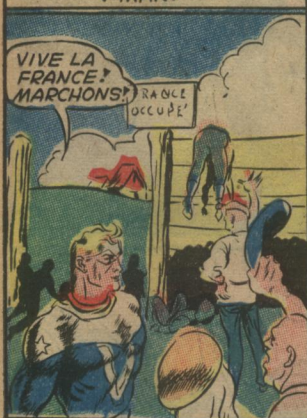
MEANWHILE,
V-MAN IS LEAD-
ING THE PEOPLE OF
THE DESERTED VILLAGE
TOWARD UNOCCUPIED
FRANCE!



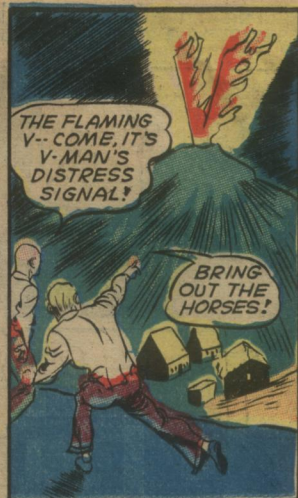
V-MAN AND HIS MEN OVERPOWER THE GUARDS AT THE BORDER?



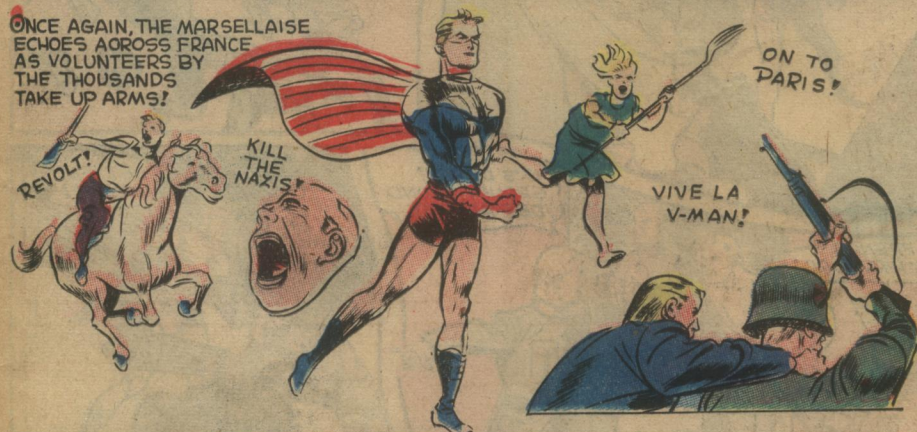
AS THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN CONTINUE ON INTO FREE FRANCE THE MEN STAY BEHIND WITH V-MAN!



RECKLESS COURIERS CARRY THE NEWS TO EVERY PROVINCE OF FRANCE!



ONCE AGAIN, THE MARSELLAISE ECHOES ACROSS FRANCE AS VOLUNTEERS BY THE THOUSANDS TAKE UP ARMS!



THREE NIGHTS LATER, AT A SECRET RENDEZVOUS IN THE HILLS!



At HEADQUARTERS IN THE NAZI GARRISON!



THAT NIGHT, THE NAZI GARRISON IS SHROUDED IN DARKNESS-- A LONE SENTRY WALKS HIS POST!

I'VE GOT HIM!
FORWARD MEN!

STEP
LIVELY!

CHARGEZ!

I CAN USE
THAT MACHINE-
GUN, CHUM!

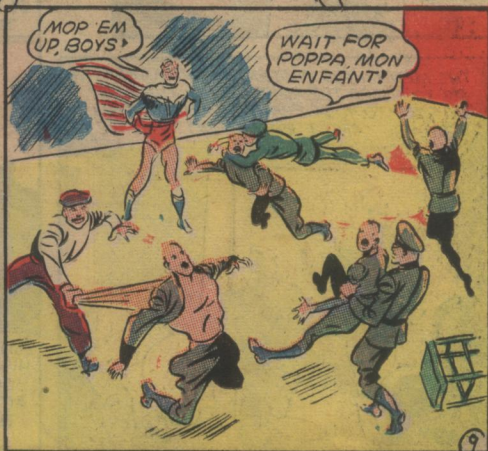
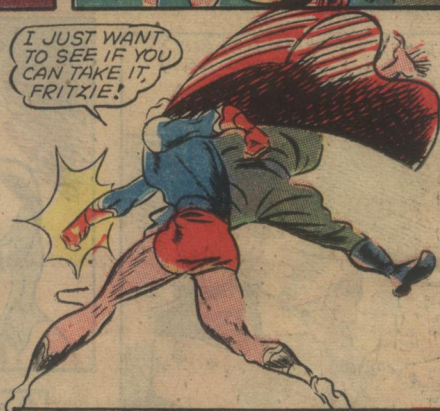
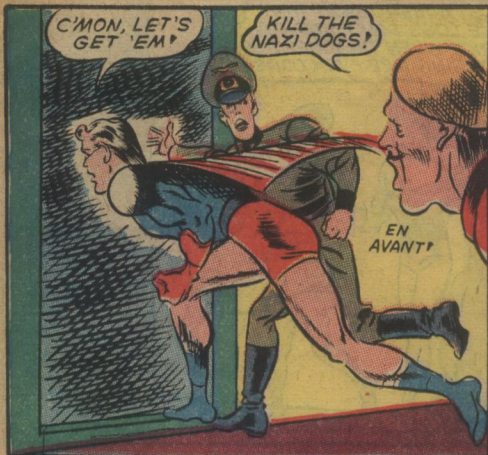
IT'S DER 'V'
GROUP-- SOUND
DER ALARM!

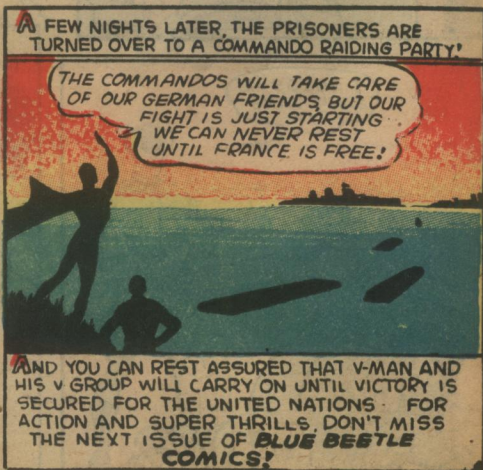
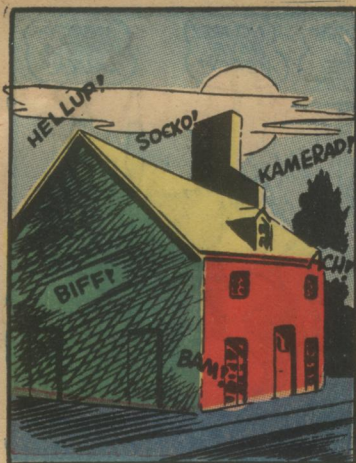
FRENCH
GUERRILLAS!

HERE
THEY
COME!

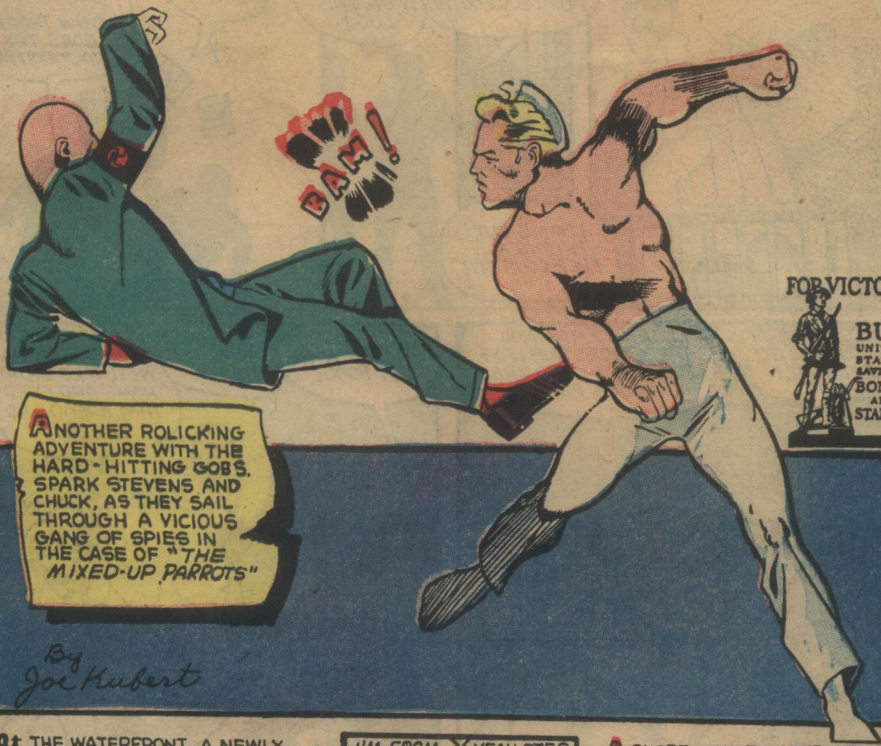
LET 'EM
HAVE IT!

YIPE! DONNERVETER!
OUDT UFF MY VAY!
YELL UP!





SPARK STEVENS



FOR VICTORY



BUY
UNITED
STATES
SAVINGS
BONDS
AND
STAMPS

ANOTHER ROLICKING
ADVENTURE WITH THE
HARD-HITTING GOBS.
SPARK STEVENS AND
CHUCK, AS THEY SAIL
THROUGH A VICIOUS
GANG OF SPIES IN
THE CASE OF "THE
MIXED-UP PARROTS"

By
Joe Hubert

At THE WATERFRONT, A NEWLY
ARRIVED CARGO SHIP IS UNLOADED!

HERE'S ANOTHER
ONE FOR THE
SAME OUTFIT--
THE SCHILLER
PET SHOP!

SEEMS LIKE
THERE'S ONE FOR
'EM OFF EVERY
SHIP--MUST HAVE
A PRETTY BIG
MARKET FOR
PARROTS!

I'M FROM
SCHILLER'S--
YOU HAVE
A PARROT
FOR THEM?

YEAH, STEP
IN THE
OFFICE AND
SIGN FOR
IT!

A SHORT WHILE LATER AT
SCHILLER'S PET SHOP--!

AH, HERE COMES
YOUR BIRD
NOW!

GOOT!-- I
VILL PAY
FOR HIM
NOW!





LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU EXPECT ANOTHER SHIPMENT, SCHILLER, I CAN USE ALL YOU GET!

CERTAINLY, CERTAINLY!

JUST OUTSIDE, SPARKS AND CHUCK APPROACH WITH THEIR MISCHIEVOUS PET, SQUAK!

C'MON, CHUCK, WE'LL GO INTO SCHILLER'S AND GET SOME CHOW FOR LOUDMOUTH!

OUR LAST FOUR BITS AND WE GOTTA SPEND IT ON THIS LUG!

LEMME OUT, THIS IS A FREE COUNTRY!

AS THEY STEP INTO THE DOORWAY, THEY COLLIDE WITH A FIGURE LEAVING HURRIEDLY!



ACH!

DOPS!

CRAWK!

OWW, THERE GOES THE HALF-DOLLAR!



FOOLS, BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU GO NEXT TIME!

LISTEN TO HIM YELL - THERE GOES OUR LAST FOUR BITS, AND THE PARROT'S FOOD!



THEN LET HIM GO WITH -GUT FOOD!

WHY, I'LL TEAR HIM TO--

NIX, CHUCK, LET THINGS GO! C'MON, WE'LL TAKE SQUAK HOME AND FEED HIM BREAD AND WATER!

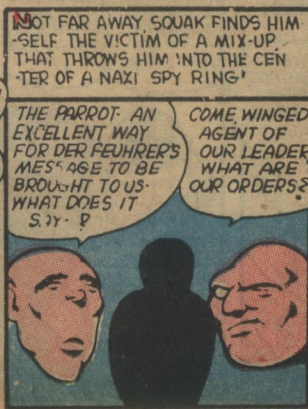


BACK AT THEIR QUARTERS THE PARROT IS BEING BROKEN INTO A TYPICAL AXIS DIET!

NICE SQUAKIE TRY THIS BREAD AND WATER LIKE A GOOD BOY!

HEY, IT'S A GERMAN BIRD - THIS AIN'T SQUAK - C'MON, LET'S GO BACK TO SCHILLER'S!

DUM KOFF!



NOT FAR AWAY SQUAK FINDS HIMSELF THE VICTIM OF A MIX-UP, THAT THROWS HIM INTO THE CENTER OF A NAZI SPY RING!

THE PARROT: AN EXCELLENT WAY FOR DER FEUHRER'S MESSAGE TO BE BROUGHT TO US: WHAT DOES IT SAY - ?

COME WINGED AGENT OF OUR LEADER, WHAT ARE OUR ORDERS?

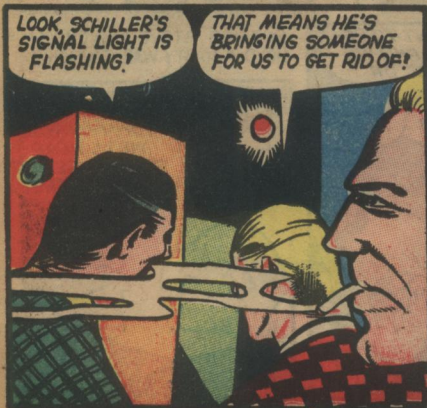


GO TO BLAXES, I WANT MY CHOW!

HIMMEL! DER OCEAN TRIP HAS MADE HIM HUNGRY QUICK - GET SOME FOOD!

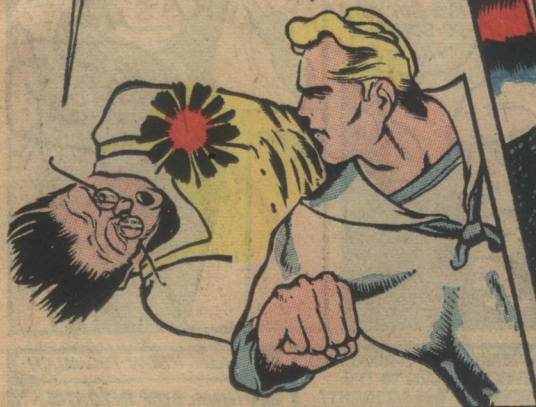


MEANWHILE, IN THE ADJOINING ROOM--



ACH! I CRACK
HIS HEAD TO--

OH, A TOUGH
GUY, EH?



OOPS--
MISSED!

HERE'S YOUR
TRAP, RAT!



IT'S THE DOS-
HOUSE FOR
YOU, MUG!

YIPE
YIPE!



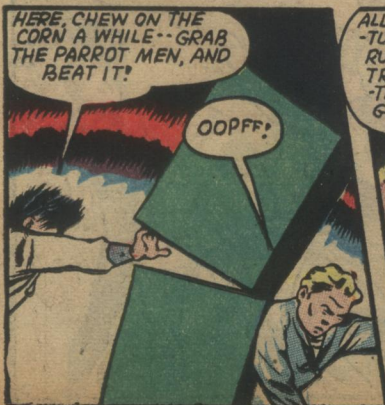
EVEN THE GOLD
FISH WON'T STAY
IN THE SAME
BOWL WITH YOU!

ACH, THEY ARE
KILLING MY MEN--
I'VE GOT TO DO
SOMETHING--ACH,
I HAVE IT!



HERE, CHEW ON THE
CORN A WHILE-- GRAB
THE PARROT MEN, AND
BEAT IT!

OOPFF!



ALL WE DO IS WANT TO RE-
TURN A PARROT AND WE
RUN INTO A MESS OF
TROUBLE-- SOME-
THING FISHY
GOING ON HERE!

FISHY IS
RIGHT!



OUTSIDE, STEVE AND CHUCK
HOLD A HASTY WAR COUNCIL!

WHAT DO WE
DO NOW,
SPARKS?

WE'LL HAVE TO
WALK ALL OVER
TOWN--MAYBE
WE'LL HEAR
SQUAK'S YELLING
SOMEWHERE!



THE CRAFTY SCHILLER, HAVING RESCUED HIS MEN, PROCEEDS WITH THE MESSAGE-BEARING PARROT TO THE DEN OF SQUAK'S CAPTORS!



STUNNED BY THE FALL, SQUAK STAGGERS ABOUT THE STREET!



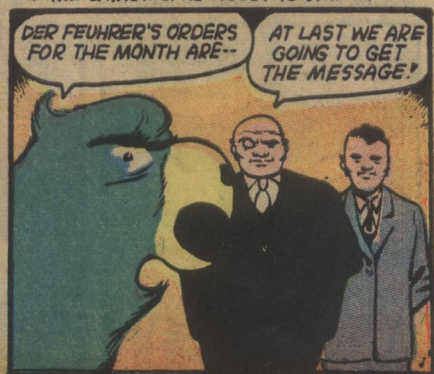
as usual, THE NAVY ARRIVES IN THE NICK OF TIME!

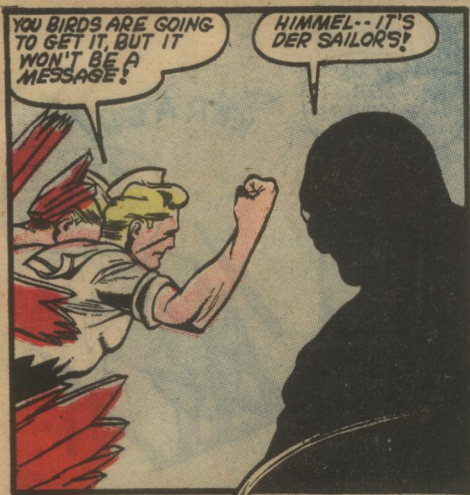


IT'S A PLOT--THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A MESSAGE!



UPSTAIRS, SCHILLER AND HIS TREACHEROUS BAND GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS, UNAWARE OF THE CATASTROPHE ABOUT TO STRIKE!





AND SOON THE SMOKE OF BATTLE CLEARS AWAY, LEAVING SCHILLER AND HIS GANG, A CRUMPLED HEAP!

LATER, AS SPARKS, CHUCK AND SQUAK RETURN TO THEIR SHIP--?



MORE FUN AND ACTION WITH SPARK STEVENS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF BLUE BEETLE COMICS!

THE BLUE BEETLE

CASE NO. **b1**
PHIL STURM
and
OLIVER ASHFORD!

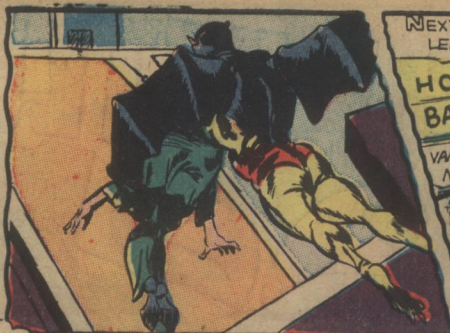
CASE #X-0

FROM THE PRIVATE FILES OF PATROLMAN GARRET COMES THE FANTASTIC TALE OF A HIDEOUS VAMPIRE! MEN DISAPPEARED WHEN THE HORRIBLE CREATURE STALKED THROUGH THE NIGHT, BUT THE "BLUE BEETLE" AND "SPARKY" TRACKED DOWN THE FIEND TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF "THE BLOODLESS BODIES"

SERIE DARKNESS ENVELOPS THE CITY STREET, A LONE FIGURE WALKS SILENTLY--OVERHEAD, AN OMINOUS SHADOW FOLLOWS--!



ONCE AGAIN, THE NIGHT IS SILENT EXCEPT FOR THE FLAPPING OF THE VAMPIRE'S WINGS AS IT FIES OFF WITH ITS UNCONSCIOUS VICTIM!



NEXT NIGHT, A GROUP OF MOVIE-GOERS LEAVE THE LOCAL THEATRE?

HORACE BARLOFF... VAMPIRE'S VENUE

VAMPIRE'S--BAH, NONSENSE! I GUESS YOU JUST DON'T CARE FOR THE MYSTERIES OF LIFE!



SUDDENLY

JOHN! LOOK-- IT'S A VAMPIRE!



GOOD HEAVENS, IT IS!--QUICK, RUN INTO THAT BUILDING-- WE'LL--



RUN MARY, SAVE YOURSELF! YIIII! LET ME GO!

HELP! HELP! JOHN--HELP, POLICE!



SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER, AS THE VAMPIRE MENACE CONTINUES, PATROLMAN DAN GARRET AND MIKE MANNIGAN POUND THEIR BEAT ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR YOUNG ENGLISH FRIEND, SPARKINGTON!

BRR--VAMPIRES, CREATURES OF THE DEVIL--I SURE WOULD LIKE TO GET A MUG LIKE THAT AT THE END OF MY GUN!

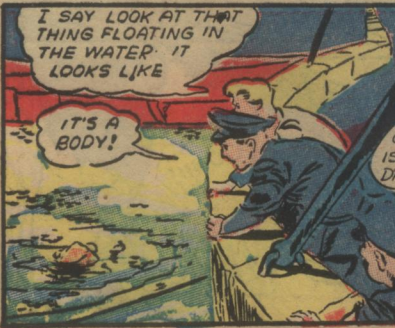
YEAH I KNOW, MIKE!

HEY, FELLAS!



I SAY LOOK AT THAT THING FLOATING IN THE WATER--IT LOOKS LIKE

IT'S A BODY!



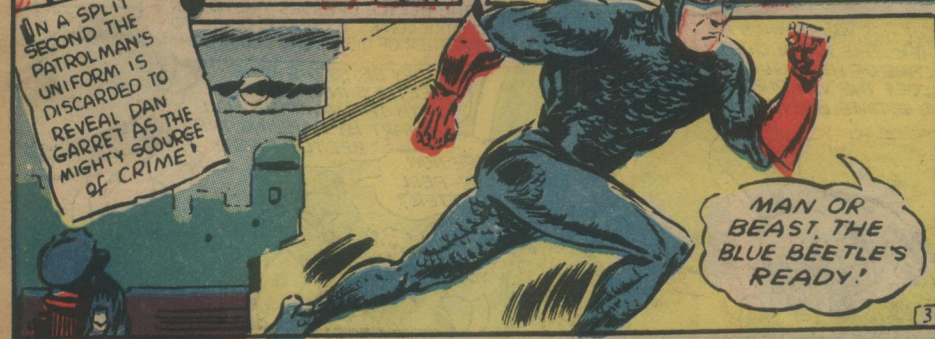
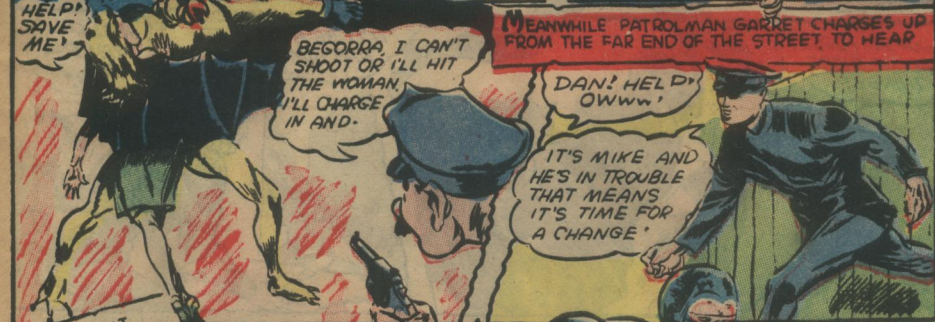
WHY, IT'S DRY, SHRIVELED!

BLOODLESS, THAT'S WHAT IT IS!

GLORY BE, IT IS--COME ALONG, DANNY, WE'LL GIVE A LOOK!

BLAST ME, IF IT ISN'T LIKE THE TALES OF THE OLD VAMPIRES THRIVING ON HUMAN BLOOD--HMM--WONDER WHAT NEXT?







THE VAMPIRE!
I'VE GOT TO
STOP HIM!



THIS IS ONE
TIME YOU DON'T
CARRY OFF ANY
VICTIM!



SPLAT

WE'LL START WITH
THE CHIN SLAMMING
GAME!

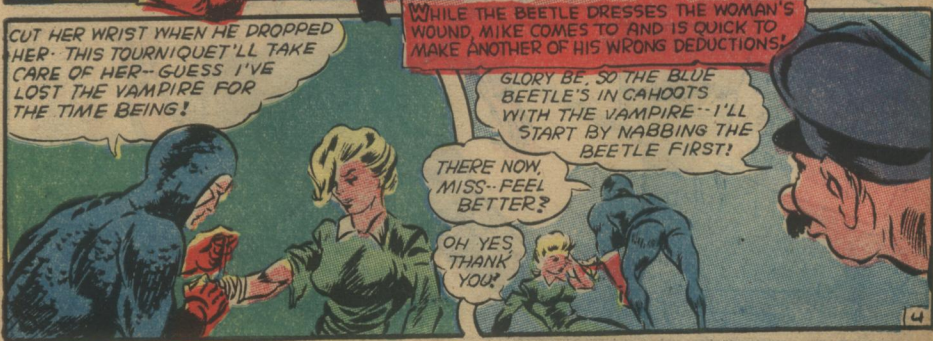
AND NOW I'M
GOING TO FIND
OUT WHAT MAKES
YOU TICK!



OOOPS!.. FORGET
ABOUT THOSE
THINGS!

HE CAN'T FLY ANYMORE,
IT'LL BE A CINCIN
NAB HIM NOW!

HELP--
HELP--
OH!!



CUT HER WRIST WHEN HE DROPPED
HER. THIS TOURNIQUET'LL TAKE
CARE OF HER-- GUESS I'VE
LOST THE VAMPIRE FOR
THE TIME BEING!

WHILE THE BEETLE DRESSES THE WOMAN'S
WOUND, MIKE COMES TO AND IS QUICK TO
MAKE ANOTHER OF HIS WRONG DEDUCTIONS!

GLORY BE, SO THE BLUE
BEETLE'S IN CAHOOTS
WITH THE VAMPIRE-- I'LL
START BY NABBIN THE
BEETLE FIRST!

THERE NOW,
MISS-- FEEL
BETTER?

OH YES
THANK
YOU!

O.K. BEETLE, YOUR WORK WITH THE VAMPIRE IS OVER?

SORRY TO UPSET YOU, MANNIGAN!

MISSED HIM, BESORRA. HE'S LIKE GREASED LIGHTING...
MMM, WHERE'S DAN? -
GLORY BE, THE VAMPIRE MUST HAVE CARRIED HIM OFF?

THE INJURED WOMAN TAKEN CARE OF, MIKE PHONES HEADQUARTERS!

SHORE, SARGE, THE BEETLE AND THE VAMPIRE ARE WORKING TOGETHER -- THEY'VE GOT DAN GARRET!

SORRY, BUT I'VE GOT WORK ELSEWHERE!

QUICKLY -- A GENERAL ALARM IS ISSUED!

CALLING ALL CARS -- BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR PATROLMAN GARRET -- BELIEVED TO BE IN THE HANDS OF THE BEETLE AND THE VAMPIRE

At HOME, SPARKINGTON PICKS UP A BROADCAST DIRECTED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC!

-- AND ALL CITIZENS ARE URGED TO REMAIN IN-DOORS WHILE THE SEARCH FOR THE BEETLE AND THE VAMPIRE CONTINUES!

SWIFTLY, THE TIMID ENGLISH LAD ADOPTS HIS SECRET ROLE OF THE BLUE BEETLE'S ASSISTANT!

FROM HERE ON IT'S THE BLUE BEETLE AND SPARKY!

UNAWARE OF THE INTENSIVE SEARCH MADE FOR HIM, THE BLUE BEETLE CONTINUES TO PURSUE THE DEADLY VAMPIRE!

THERE HE IS!
I'VE CLIPPED
HIS WINGS SO
HE CAN'T FLY
NOW I'LL CLIP
HIS CLAWS!



BUT AS THE BEETLE CLOSES IN TO MAKE THE KILL--

HEY MOIPH! LOOK,
THE BLUE
BEETLE!

PLAYED RIGHT
INTO OUR HANDS,
C'MON, WE'LL
GIVE HIM A
TASTE OF LEAD!

DON'T STAND THERE,
YOU'RE LETTING THE
VAMPIRE ESCAPE!

YOU'RE NOT TALKING
YOUR WAY OUT OF
THIS--WE'RE GONNA
GIVE A LOOK UNDER
THAT
MASK!



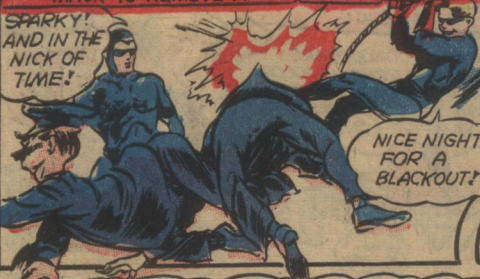
OUCH!
MY ARM!

YA' NIPPED
HIM, MOIPH!
C'MON, WE'LL
NAB HIM!



BUT BEFORE THE PATROL MEN CAN REACH THE BEETLE'S MASK TO REMOVE IT--

SPARKY!
AND IN THE
NICK OF
TIME!



NICE NIGHT
FOR A
BLACKOUT!

QUICK! IN HERE
BEETLE--WE'LL GIVE
'EM THE SLIP!



THERE THEY GO--GOOD, WE'RE RID OF THEM!
NOW WE'RE GOING TO CATCH UP WITH THE
FLYING VAMPIRE!

HIS FLYING DAYS ARE OVER
LAST TIME I SMASHED THE
HELICOPTER ON THE BACK OF
HIM, THIS TIME, I'LL SMASH
HIM!

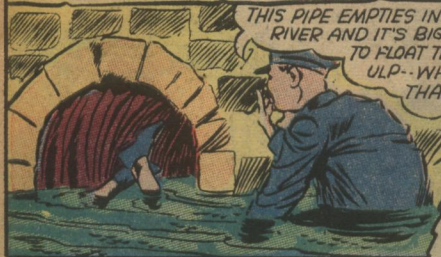


SO THAT'S HOW HE FLEW, PROPELLED
THROUGH THE AIR BY A MACHINE--
BUT, WHAT'S NEXT, BEETLE?

THE BLOODLESS BODIES
WERE WASHED INTO THE
RIVER FROM SOME SEWER!
IT'S UP TO US TO FIND OUT
WHERE THEY COME FROM!



WHILE THE BLUE BEETLE AND SPARKY RACE TO THE RIVER FRONT, PATROLMAN MANNIGAN CONDUCTS A LONE SEARCH!



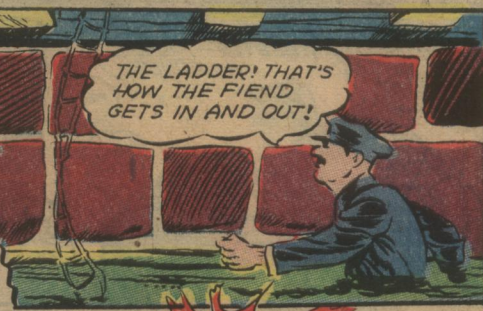
THIS PIPE EMPTIES INTO THE RIVER AND IT'S BIG ENOUGH TO FLOAT THROUGH, ULP--WHAT'S THAT?



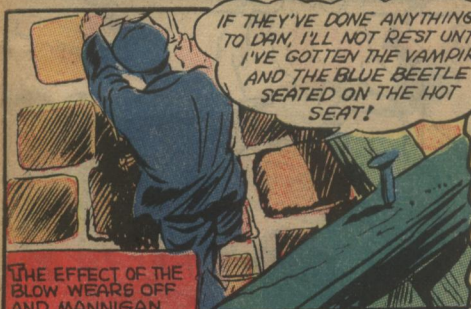
GLORY BE--ANOTHER ONE! THAT MEANS THE VAMPIRE'S HIDEOUT IS HERE--AND THIS PIPE'LL LEAD ME TO IT!



BRR--THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE CREEPS!



THE LADDER! THAT'S HOW THE FIEND GETS IN AND OUT!



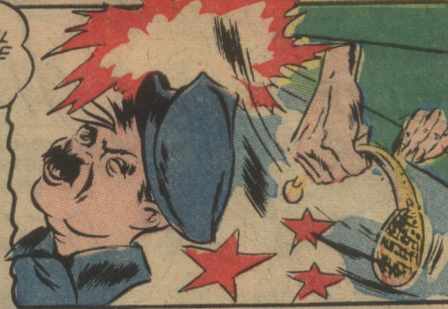
IF THEY'VE DONE ANYTHING TO DAN, I'LL NOT REST UNTIL I'VE GOTTEN THE VAMPIRE AND THE BLUE BEETLE SEATED ON THE HOT SEAT!

THE EFFECT OF THE BLOW WEARS OFF AND MANNIGAN FINDS HIMSELF A PRISONER!

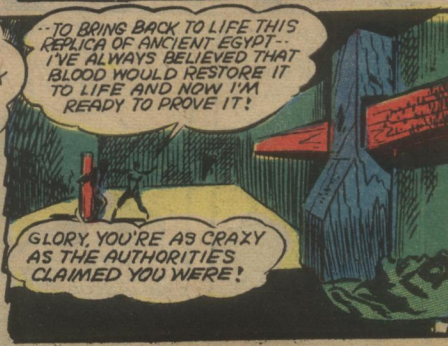
DOCTOR GRIME! YOU WERE REPORTED DEAD SIX WEEKS AFTER YOU WERE EXPELLED FROM THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE!



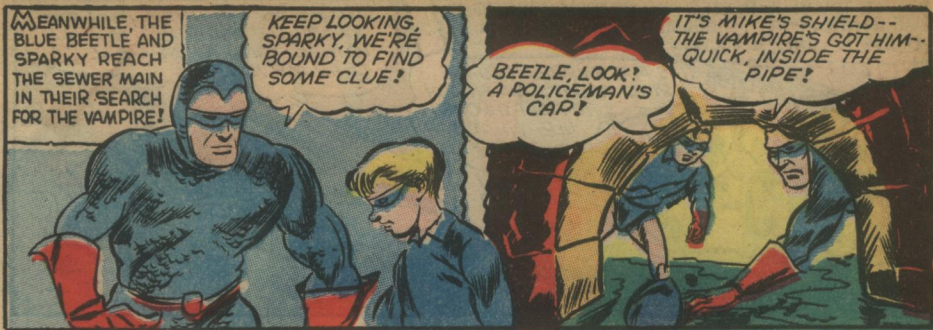
PART OF MY PLAN! THEY REFUSED ME BLOOD TO CONDUCT MY EXPERIMENTS, SO I PLAYED DEAD TO WORK THIS VAMPIRE SCHEME-- YOU ARE THE LAST VICTIM, FOR NOW I HAVE ENOUGH BLOOD--!



--TO BRING BACK TO LIFE THIS REPLICA OF ANCIENT EGYPT I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT BLOOD WOULD RESTORE IT TO LIFE AND NOW I'M READY TO PROVE IT!



GLORY, YOU'RE AS CRAZY AS THE AUTHORITIES CLAIMED YOU WERE!



LIEUTENANT EDWARD HENRY O'HARE

LIEUTENANT EDWARD HENRY O'HARE, BORN MARCH 13, 1914, GRADUATED FROM THE NAVAL ACADEMY IN 1937, AND ON FEBRUARY 20, 1942, THE NAME O'HARE WAS BLAZED ACROSS THE SKIES TO BECOME A SYMBOL OF DARING AND BRAVERY TO THE MEN OF AMERICA'S FIGHTING FORCES. FOR ON THAT DAY, LIEUT. O'HARE ESTABLISHED THE GREATEST AMERICAN NAVAL FLYING RECORD -- WRITTEN IN THE ACRID SMOKE OF SIX JAPANESE PLANES SENT CRASHING TO A WATERY GRAVE -- WE TURN BACK THE PAGES OF TIME TO THAT DAY...

FEBRUARY 16th SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC, ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER

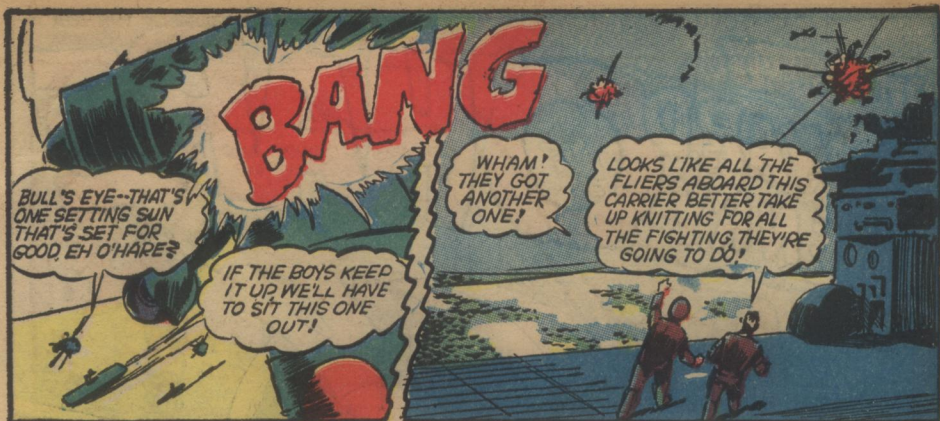
THE PACIFIC SURE IS A BEAUTIFUL OCEAN, EH O'HARE?

YEAH - BUT ITS' BEAUTY IS MARRED BY THE JAPS THAT ARE WAITING TO STRIKE!

SUDDENLY, THE PEACEFUL STILLNESS IS BROKEN!

YOU SURE CALLED THAT SHOT, O'HARE, LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN FOR ACTION!



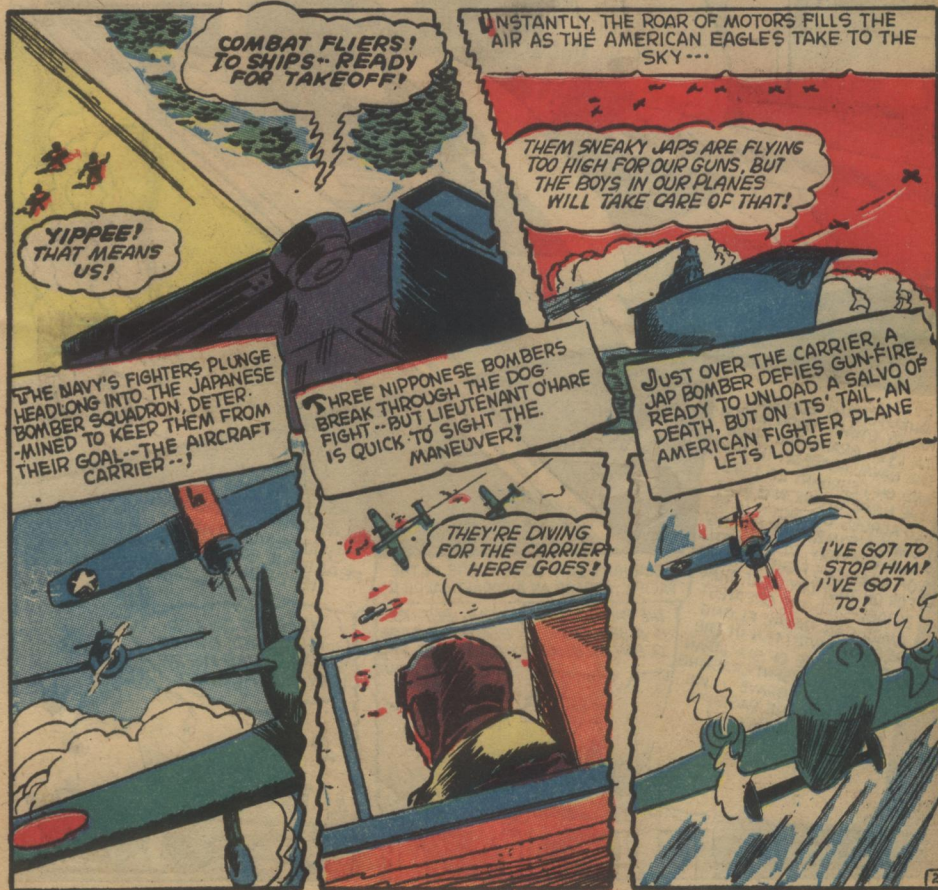


BULL'S EYE--THAT'S ONE SETTING SUN THAT'S SET FOR GOOD, EH O'HARE?

IF THE BOYS KEEP IT UP, WE'LL HAVE TO SIT THIS ONE OUT!

WHAM! THEY GOT ANOTHER ONE!

LOOKS LIKE ALL THE FLIERS ABOARD THIS CARRIER BETTER TAKE UP KNITTING FOR ALL THE FIGHTING THEY'RE GOING TO DO!



COMBAT FLIERS! TO SHIPS-- READY FOR TAKEOFF!

YIPPEE! THAT MEANS US!

THE NAVY'S FIGHTERS PLUNGE HEADLONG INTO THE JAPANESE BOMBER SQUADRON, DETERMINED TO KEEP THEM FROM THEIR GOAL--THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER--!

THREE NIPPONESE BOMBERS BREAK THROUGH THE DOG-FIGHT--BUT LIEUTENANT O'HARE IS QUICK TO SIGHT THE MANEUVER!

THEY'RE DIVING FOR THE CARRIER-- HERE GOES!

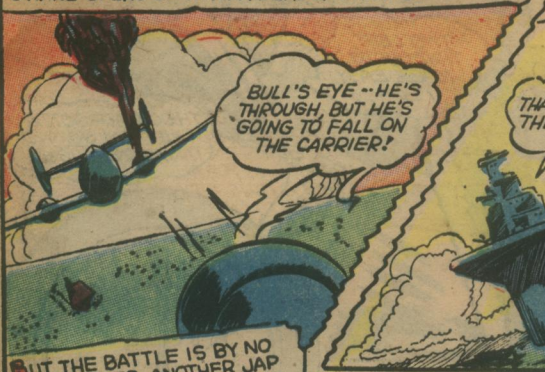
INSTANTLY, THE ROAR OF MOTORS FILLS THE AIR AS THE AMERICAN EAGLES TAKE TO THE SKY---

THEM SNEAKY JAPS ARE FLYING TOO HIGH FOR OUR GUNS, BUT THE BOYS IN OUR PLANES WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT!

JUST OVER THE CARRIER, A JAP BOMBER DEFIES GUN-FIRE READY TO UNLOAD A SALVO OF DEATH, BUT ON ITS' TAIL, AN AMERICAN FIGHTER PLANE LETS LOOSE!

I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM! I'VE GOT TO!

RISKING A.A. FIRE FROM HIS OWN CARRIER, LIEUTENANT O'HARE OPENS UP WITH A DEADLY BARRAGE--!



BULL'S EYE--HE'S THROUGH, BUT HE'S GOING TO FALL ON THE CARRIER!

BUT THE BATTLE IS BY NO MEANS OVER, ANOTHER JAP BOMBER STRIKES!



YOU MISSED JAPPY, AND THAT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE--I'M GOING TO...

THE GUNNER PRESSES THE TRIGGER, BUT THE QUICK THINKING O'HARE PULLS A SENSATIONAL FEAT AS HE LEAP FROGS HIS PLANE OUT OF THE RANGE OF FIRE!



VIPPEE...!

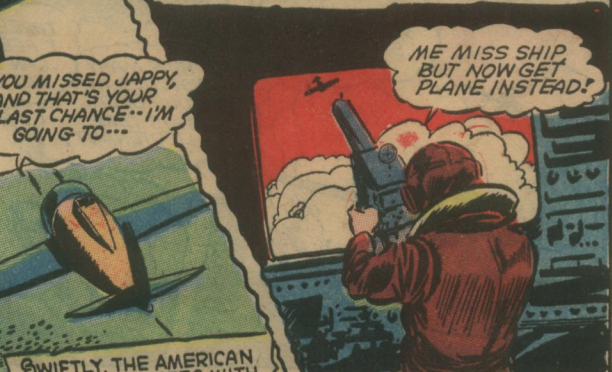
HIM FLY LIKE A DEVIL--CAN'T BE HIT!

THE GIANT AIR BASE OF THE SEA SWERVES SHARPLY AND NARROWLY MISSES BEING HIT!



THANKS TO O'HARE AND THE SKIPPER WE'RE STILL IN ONE PIECE!

AS O'HARE ZOOMS IN TO MAKE THE KILL, A JAP GUNNER DRAWS A BEAD ON HIM--!



ME MISS SHIP BUT NOW GET PLANE INSTEAD!

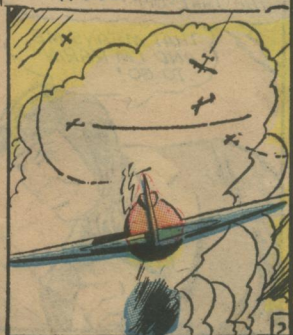
SWIFTLY THE AMERICAN EAGLE RETALIATES WITH DEADLY ACCURACY!



THAT'S FOR PEARL HARBOR!

AAAGGH...

WITH TWO SHIPS TO HIS CREDIT, LIEUTENANT O'HARE NOSES UPWARD TO REJOIN HIS COMRADES LOCKED IN A DOG-FIGHT!



HE JUST GOT ANOTHER
O'HARE SURE IS GOING
GREAT GUNS TO-DAY!
LOOKS LIKE THE
JAPS PICKED A
BAD DAY TO
ATTACK!

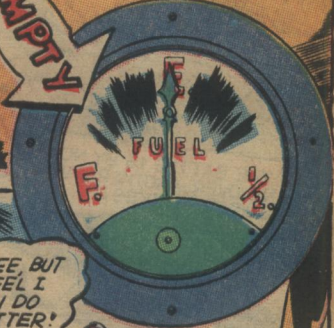


TWO LEFT,
THAT OUGHT
TO BE EASY,
I'LL--



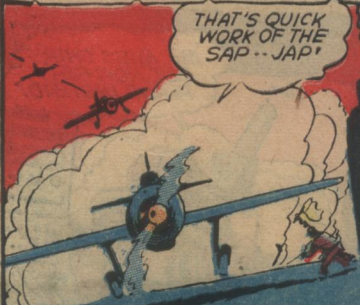
TOO BAD--GOTTA'
LET 'EM GO--NO
MORE GAS!

EMPTY



THE DEFEATED JAPS FLEE IN TERROR,
AND THE AMERICAN EAGLES RETURN
TO THEIR CARRIER!

THAT'S QUICK
WORK OF THE
SAP--JAP!



HOW MANY
NOTCHES IN
YOUR BELT
THIS TIME,
LIEUTENANT?

THREE, BUT
I FEEL I
CAN DO
BETTER!



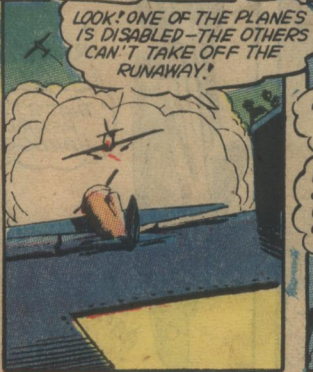
THE BREATHING SPELL IS
SHORT-LIVED AS THE MEN OF
THE RISING SUN RETURN TO
AVENGE A BITTER DEFEAT!

THE SQUADRON RETURNING--
FIGHTER PLANES READY FOR
THE TAKE-OFF!

THAT MEANS ME,
AND I'M RARIN'
TO GO!



BUT ONLY TWO AMERICAN
SHIPS COMPLETE THE TAKE-
OFF!



LOOK! ONE OF THE PLANES
IS DISABLED--THE OTHERS
CAN'T TAKE OFF THE
RUNAWAY!

ON THE AIR THE TWO EAGLES
MAKE LIGHT OF THE GRIM
SITUATION!

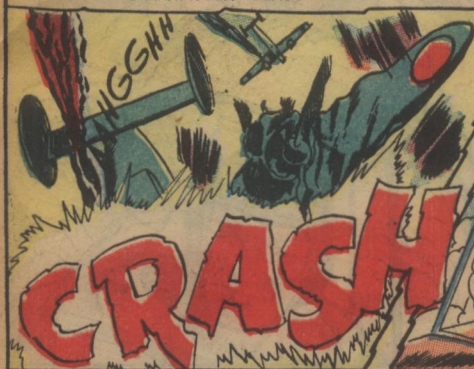
HEY, O'HARE, LOOKS LIKE LUCK'S
WITH US--WE'RE GOING TO DO
IT BY OURSELVES!

WHAT! US TWO AGAINST NINE
JAPS--EASY, WE'LL HOLD THEM
OFF UNTIL THE
GANG GETS
HERE!



IN A FEW SECONDS, TWO JAP BOMBERS ARE SENT TO A WATERY GRAVE--?

BUT LIEUTENANT O'HARE'S CO-FIGHTER IS IN TROUBLE!



GAD!-- IT WOULD HAPPEN NOW!

CLICK CLICK

MY GUN'S JAMMED, O'HARE-- IT'S UP TO YOU TO KEEP THEM FROM THE CARRIER!

LIKE A STREAK OF LIGHTNING, O'HARE CLOSES THE GAP BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE ENEMY!

TIME TO SAY IT WITH BULLETS!

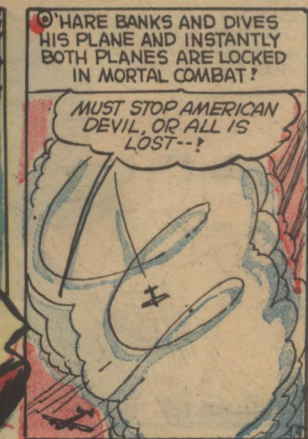
O.K. PAL-- HERE GOES EVERYTHING!

BURNING LEAD TEARS THROUGH THE JAP BOMBER!

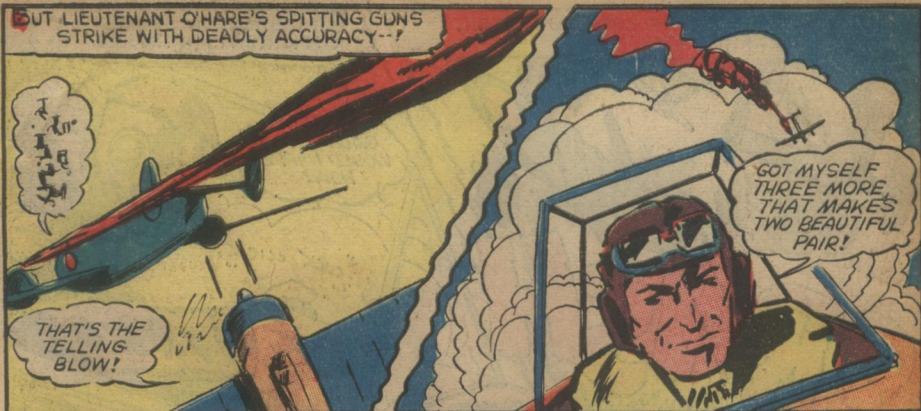
AND NOW TO COOL OFF THE OTHER HOT MIKADO!

O'HARE BANKS AND DIVES HIS PLANE AND INSTANTLY BOTH PLANES ARE LOCKED IN MORTAL COMBAT!

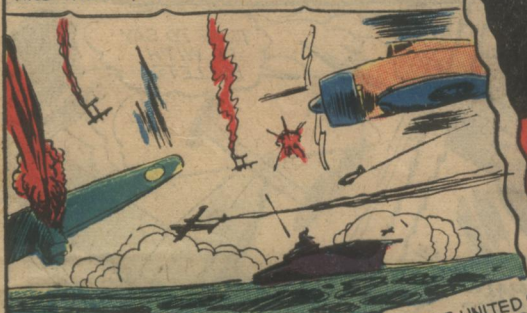
MUST STOP AMERICAN DEVIL, OR ALL IS LOST--!



BUT LIEUTENANT O'HARE'S SPITTING GUNS
STRIKE WITH DEADLY ACCURACY---



MEANWHILE, THE REST OF O'HARE'S FLIGHT
HAS CAUGHT UP WITH THE JAP SQUADRON
AND THE AMERICAN FIGHTERS BLAST AWAY!



A SHORT WHILE LATER ON THE
DECK OF THE CARRIER!

CONGRATULATIONS, O'HARE,
THAT WAS A RECORD
NUMBER OF PLANES
YOU SHOT DOWN!



AND IN THE UNITED STATES,
LIEUTENANT EDWARD HENRY
O'HARE IS PERSONALLY CON-
GRATULATED BY HIS SUPERIOR
OFFICER, THE COMMANDER
IN CHIEF OF THE U.S. ARMY
AND NAVY!

--OF HONOR FOR
CONSPICUOUS
GALLANTRY ABOVE
AND BEYOND
THE CALL OF
DUTY!

THANK
YOU, SIR!



THAT'S THE END OF
THEIR ATTACK--BACK
TO THE CARRIER, MEN!



LIEUTENANT EDWARD HENRY
O'HARE--THE PEOPLE OF
AMERICA SALUTE YOU AS
THE SYMBOL OF COURAGE
AND DARING IN THE FIGHT-
ING FORCES OF OUR NATION!



--SO THAT MEN LIKE YOU
WILL 'KEEP 'EM FLYIN'!
MILLIONS OF AMERICAN'S
WILL KEEP ON BUYING
WAR STAMPS AND BONDS!

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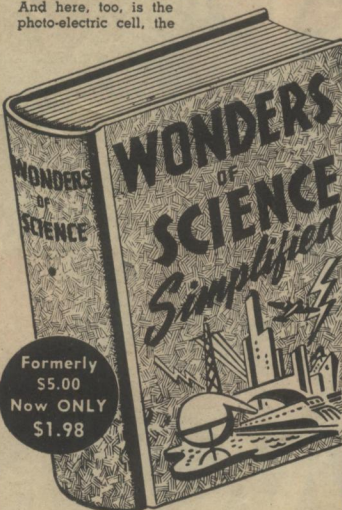
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